

Survey questionnaire sent to participating CHNC ECMO centers

Survey of Ventilator Management During Neonatal Respiratory ECMO

Please respond in the context of neonatal ECMO for respiratory indications

1. Please identify your neonatal ECMO center.

a. []

2. At your facility, where are neonatal respiratory ECMO runs managed?

a. NICU

b. PICU

c. CVICU

d. Other []

3. Do you have a stand-alone ECMO team managing patients?

a. Yes

i. If YES, is ventilator and respiratory care while on ECMO managed by the primary Neonatology team or the ECMO team?

1. Neonatology service

2. ECMO Team

b. No

4. What is the background of the physicians managing the ventilator during neonatal ECMO? Select all that apply.

a. Neonatologists

b. Pediatric Intensivists

c. Cardiac Intensivists

d. Cardiac Surgeons

e. Pediatric Surgeons

f. Other []

5. Which of the following most closely represents your group's practice regarding ventilator rest settings?

a. All patients are put on protocol-driven settings for the duration of the run, until decision is made to recruit

b. Standard initial rest settings, then adjusted based on CXR and disease process

c. All cases individualized based on CXR and/or disease process

d. All Attendings approach rest settings differently and at their discretion

6. Please describe how your approach to question 5 is different for patients with air leak (e.g., pneumothorax)

a. []

7. Which ECMO mode is most common at your facility?

a. VV

b. VA

8. Which ECMO mode is most commonly used for CDH?

a. VV

b. VA

9. How do you currently report CDH runs?

a. Respiratory

b. Cardiac

10. Which modes of ventilation does your center use during neonatal ECMO? Select all that apply.

a. HFOV

b. HFJV

c. HFPV (e.g., VDR/Bronchotron/TXP)

d. SIMV, pressure control

e. SIMV, volume targeted

f. Assist Control, pressure control

g. Assist Control, volume targeted

h. PRVC

i. APRV

j. NAVA

k. Extubation

l. Other []

11. Which mode of ventilation is most common or primary?

- a. HFOV**
- b. HFJV**
- c. HFPV**
- d. SIMV, pressure control**
- e. SIMV, volume targeted**
- f. Assist Control, pressure control**
- g. Assist Control, volume targeted**
- h. PRVC**
- i. APRV**
- j. NAVA**
- k. Extubation**
- l. Other []**

12. If high-frequency ventilation is used, under what circumstances is it used?

- a. Preferred mode of ventilation for air leak**
- b. Secondary mode for persistent or severe air leak**
- c. Continuation of pre-ECMO HFV**
- d. Preferred mode of lung rest during ECMO**
- e. Attending-dependent**

13. Do you practice extubation of neonates during ECMO?

- a. No**
- b. Routinely**
- c. Under specific circumstances or indications**

[Describe]

14. If you extubate neonates during ECMO, what support do you put them on while extubated?

- a. Room Air (no support)**
- b. Nasal cannula**

c. Humidified high-flow nasal cannula

d. Nasal CPAP

e. NIPPV

f. Individualized [describe]

15. Please indicate your typical initial rest FiO₂ (ventilator)

a. 0.21

b. 0.22-0.30

c. 0.31-0.40

d. 0.41-0.50

e. > 0.50 [Please describe]

16. Please indicate your typical initial rest PEEP

a. 3-4

b. 5-6

c. 7-8

d. 9-10

e. 11-12

f. > 12 [Please describe]

17. Please indicate your typical initial rest peak pressure

a. 12-15

b. 16-20

c. 21-25

d. 26-30

e. N/A

18. Please indicate your typical initial rest TV

a. 3-4 mL/kg

b. 5-6 mL/kg

c. 7-8 mL/kg

d. > 8 mL/kg

e. N/A

19. Please indicate your typical initial rest inspiratory time

a. < 0.5 sec

b. 0.5 sec

c. 1 sec

d. > 1 sec

e. Other [Please describe]

f. N/A

20. Please indicate your typical initial rest ventilator rate

a. < 10

b. 10-15

c. 16-20

d. 21-25

e. > 25

f. N/A

21. For HFOV, please indicate your typical/protocol initial rest mean airway pressure

a. < 8

b. 8-9

c. 10-11

d. 12-13

e. 14-15

f. > 15

g. Individualized [Please describe]

h. N/A

22. For HFOV, please indicate your typical/protocol initial rest amplitude

a. 10-15

b. 16-20

c. 21-25

d. 26-30

e. Individualized [Please describe]

f. N/A

23. For HFOV, please indicate your typical/protocol initial rest frequency

a. 5-6 Hz

b. 7-8 Hz

c. 9-10 Hz

d. 11-12 Hz

e. 13-14 Hz

f. 15 Hz

g. Other [describe]

h. N/A

24. If you rest on HFJV, please describe your rest settings

a. []

b. N/A

25. If you rest on HFPV, please describe your rest settings

a. []

b. N/A

26. If you rest on APRV, please describe your rest settings

a. []

b. N/A

27. If a patient is on iNO at ECMO initiation, what do you do with iNO during the run?

a. Leave it on throughout the run

b. Sometimes leave it on

[Please describe iNO criteria during ECMO]

c. Always wean it off within 24 hours

d. Always turn it off immediately (within 1 hour)

e. No, never

28. During lung rest, what degree of de-recruitment do you accept?

- a. Use protocol settings, regardless of degree of white-out or aeration**
- b. Expect and accept complete white-out**
- c. Expect some volume loss but maintain aeration – complete white-out is unacceptable**
- d. Depends on the disease process. Explain []**
- e. Varies with stage of the run (e.g., first 48 hrs, recruiting, weaning, etc.)**

Describe []

29. At what point in the typical, uncomplicated run do you begin active recruitment maneuvers?

- a. We typically don't – let the lungs open up spontaneously on rest settings**
- b. After 72 hours**
- c. After 48 hours**
- d. After 24 hours**
- e. Individualized, depending on disease process, fluid status, initial signs of spontaneous recruitment**
- f. Recruitment? We never let the lungs de-recruit!**

30. Please list common recruitment maneuvers utilized at your facility

- a. Hand ventilation**
- b. Bronchoscopy**
- c. Change ventilator mode**
- d. Change (increase) ventilator settings**
- e. Administration of exogenous surfactant**
- f. Chest physiotherapy**

31. How often do you use bronchoscopy as a component of pulmonary toilet to recruit and/or prepare for decannulation?

- a. Rarely / not as typical practice**
- b. Commonly, but not routinely**
- c. The majority of cases / routinely**

32. Please describe your indications or uses of bronchoscopy

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For the next 6 questions, assume your patient is weaning from ECMO support and you perform a trial off ECMO. However you define a successful trial, please consider the respiratory support you consider “ready” to come off ECMO non-emergently.

33. What FiO₂ meets your threshold for decannulation?

- a. $\leq 40\%$
- b. $\leq 50\%$
- c. $< \%$
- d. Other
- e. No specific criteria

34. What PEEP meets your threshold for decannulation?

- a. ≤ 5
- b. 6-7
- c. 8-10
- d. Other
- e. No specific criteria

35. What peak inspiratory pressure?

- a. < 20
- b. 21-25
- c. 26-30
- d. Other
- e. No specific criteria

36. What tidal volume?

- a. 4-4.9 mL/kg
- b. 5-5.9 mL/kg
- c. 6-6.9 mL/kg
- d. Other
- e. No specific criteria

37. If you come off on HFOV, what mean airway pressure?

- a. 10-11

b. 12-13

c. 14-15

d. Other

e. No specific criteria

38. Do you utilize iNO to transition from ECMO?

a. Rarely

b. Commonly, but not routinely

c. Almost always / routinely

39. Do you utilize non-inhaled pulmonary vasodilator therapies (epoprostenol, treprostenil, sildenafil, milrinone, PGE1) to come off ECMO?

a. Rarely

b. Commonly, but not routinely

c. Almost always / routinely

40. Please provide any additional clarifying comments regarding your ventilator management during neonatal respiratory ECMO

a. []